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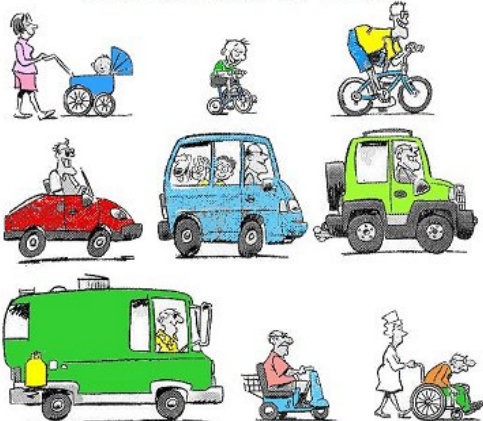


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Cubs

The Wheels of Life



An **Annual Christmas Breakfast** took place once again at the Te Huis Old Age Home in Kraaifontein on Saturday 23 December 2007 when 20 'cooks', Scouters, Lay, Cubs and Scouts from 2nd Kenridge, converged on the home to prepare a scrumptious Christmas breakfast with carols for 143 people. Thanks to Pack Scouter Lynda Lorimer and her team for all the background work, donations and a morning of huge success - just the smiling faces of all the inmates said it all.



Kanonkop Cub Soccer held at Durbanville Fields Sat 10 November 2007, challenging and exciting for 4 Packs, Durbanville, Kenridge and won with a tie by DK and Northdene.



National Cub Challenge 2008

BP said "Try to leave the world a little better than you found it." So this year we are challenged to be more environmental aware by becoming '**ENVIRO CUBS**'. Ask Akela about it and oh, remember the Challenge closes on 30 September, so DYB.

There are three sections to the Challenge:

1. REDISCOVER - enjoying the **outdoors**
2. RECYCLE **awareness** with Recyclabot
3. REACH OUT with an actual **recycle project**



The **Kanonkop Cub Swimming Gala** held at Boston Primary School Saturday 23 Feb was won by 1st Durbanville below with DK 2nd and Bellville 3rd



CUB FUN BELIEVABLE DAY



Saturday 19 April 1st Bothasig grounds came alive as Cubs gathered to enjoy a day of fun and games. The highlight of the day was the arrival of Mr Clown.

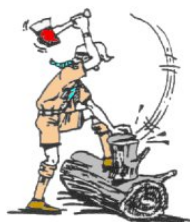


Our **Scouters Conference** Sunday 3 Feb at the Cape Peninsula University had much info exchanged on the day including a UK Jamboree report back, with lunch laid on by 1st Wetton once again.



"During home hospitality in the Netherlands, we discovered that most of the Dutch land reclaimed from the sea, was not 'filled in', but rather that dykes were built into the sea and the sea water pumped out, ...thus the land ended up below the sea level. The numerous **windmills** all over were used to control the reclaimed lands water-table, by pumping ground water back into the sea, otherwise the land would remain soggy and the houses would sink - amazing! Then there were also long poles over 60m high with long blades or wind generators on top. These were used to produce almost 1 million kWh per year of electricity each, being driven by the constant North Sea winds. We learnt a lot from our Dutch friends, can you imagine harnessing all the irritating Cape winds to produce power and actually work for us..."





Scouts



Kanonkop Campfire Friday 23 Nov 2007 at Durbanville, the culmination of 'Scouting for Food' over two months – also a great way to end the year. Baby donations this year went to the Fikelela Children's Home in Khayelitsha as part of our Scouting Aids Awareness campaign.



The merry-go-round Springbok Construction of Craig Burns in 1st Durbanville on Tuesday 4 Dec – provided a day of fun for some.

Achievement: Well done Tarryn Rudnick for achieving Springbok in her Matric year + being the student with the 3rd highest mark for Matric in the Western Cape + successfully ascending Mt Kilimanjaro + leading her team to win the Rayner Trophy and finishing the year with a visit to Taiwan. 2007 was a bumper year for her and we wish her well on the road ahead at University.



In place of the Ceres Air Scout Camp, Saturday 1 Dec 2007 was enjoyably spent by a few Scouts and Scouters flying various light aircrafts at Phesantekraal Airport outside Durbanville.

We welcome Mr. Llewellyn van Aarde as the **new Provincial Commissioner of the Western Cape Province** and wish Brian February well in his new post of International Commissioner.



Ross McDonald (white shirt) of 1st Claremont, attended the **3rd International Gathering for Scouting and Humanitarian Action** from 13 to 19 January, in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. Seen here are delegates with Sheikh Mohammed Al Qassimi. The event was made possible for Scouts around the world to meet and spend a week exploring how Scouting worked for the good of humanity. There were also Scout friendship culture visits to parts of the UAE with the desert 4x4 safari being one of the week's many highlights.



Upton Shield Sun 17 Feb had 58 teams, registrations were at Newlands Pool with Scouts given sponsored T-Shirts from Oasis and sent by train to Cape Town. There were 18 bases all over the city, from the Noon Gun to the Waterfront, Castle, Cathedral and everywhere in between, ending at the Museum eventually. Well done Chief Judge - Shantel Kent and her management team for a great competition. 1st, 2nd and 3rd were 1st Bothasig, 2nd Fish Hoek and 1st Claremont. -Brendan Dale



Rayner Trophy 1 to 2 March, was an exhausting hike from Chapman's Peak, through Silvermine down to Tokai Forest where they spent the night. Sunday saw an early start towards Elephants Eye and then over the mountain to end on Hout Bay beach. Big thanks to Chief Judge Tony Robelo, assisted by Nigel Foreshaw. Top 5 teams from 1st to 5th of 25 were: 2nd Somerset West, 2nd Fish Hoek, 1st Durbanville, 2nd Bergvliet and 2nd Kenridge. -Brendan Dale



JML Rotary Scout is a 39' cruising yacht belonging to SA Scouting. She has been repainted and refitted, and is currently moored in False Bay Yacht Club in Simonstown. She sailed to Rio in 2000, crewed by Scouts – and three times to St Helena Island. Scouts are encouraged to go sailing on the yacht, she can take up to 8 passengers at a time. There is full safety equipment on board. For more information go to: <http://www.scouting.org.za/capewest/seascouts/keelboat.htm> Bookings email Mark Jennings on mjennings@mweb.co.za or call 021-715 8558 (h) or 082 789 4130

Kontiki 14-16 March at Sandvlei, theme Pirates. Thanks Charles Prince. Winner 2nd Hout Bay Teams = 27



Saying 'Hello' - "On the Jamboree there was one thing you just could not fail to notice - the 'hellos'. In a world filled with violence, the 'hellos' always came with a smile and wave, breaking through all barriers. You could walk and 'hello' anyone with an immediate and cheerful response. Even the Jamboree song led to whole groups greeting 'Jambo' with a 'hello' response from another. Who could have thought that a simple 'hello' could make such an impression and be a major cause of such a difference?" Edited from a write-up by Ana Trigo



Internationally held Rover Moots (Gatherings):
1931 Kandersteg, Switzerland
1935 Ingaro, Sweden
1939 Monzie, Scotland
1949 Skjak, Norway
1953 Kandersteg, Switzerland
1957 Sutton, England
1961 Melbourne, Australia
1990 Melbourne, Australia
1992 Kandersteg, Switzerland
1996 Ransäter, Sweden
2000 Mexico City, Mexico
2004 Hualien, Taiwan
2010 Kenya ?



100 SCOUTING YEARS

Scouting in Cape Town began early in 1908, 100 years ago, when the story of the August 1907 Brownsea Island Camp became known and hints on Scouting appeared in the weekly 'Scouting for Boys'. This motivated boys in Cape Town (one of these aged 12 was Carl 'Serpent' Rayner) to become Scouts, but especially two brothers Fred and Charles Stern at Claremont Public School. They approached their headmaster, George French, and persuaded him to become Scoutmaster of their Troop. The Troop was registered and met for the first time on 3 March 1908 at the school in Palmyra Road (later in 1924 a disused garage in Main Road and their own corrugated iron hall in 1925 in Bowwood



George French, TS of the first Troop in Africa

Road – now the top green of the Bowling Club. Their grounds were so big that 17 Patrols camped there for the Area Gordon Shield in 1926. The first Woodbadge Course took place there in the same year – thereafter behind the Rayners house). This thus makes 1st Claremont Scout Troop the first and oldest in Africa, one of the oldest in the world, and boasting the first Troop Scouter in Africa



Training at the Diep River Gilcape 1942

as well. This thus also means that 2008 is the centenary year of Scouting in SA. Shortly after this, others started registering in Observatory, Cape Town, Sea Point, Wynberg and Simonstown. The Cape Town Divisional Organisation sprang from this and the hub of Scouting at that time was No 23 Annandale Street, Cape Town, as the first advisory committee met at the end of July 1909 under the chairmanship of Mr Herbert Penny. Thereafter Scouting spread to Muizenberg, Bellville (11 October 1909 - of interest is that a 1st Class Hike was completed in 1913 from Cape Town to Bellville, with the boys sleeping... in the farm fields next to Voortrekker Road – imagine that! The logbooks being signed on completion of the journey by the local Stationmaster at Bellville), Paarl, Wellington and beyond.

The visit of Baden-Powell in 1912 set Cape Scouting firmly on its feet. At this historical Rally to meet Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the Cape Western Division contained some 500 Scouts, 350 of whom gathered to attend the large rally at Rhodes Memorial. Cubs as we know, only got off much later in 1916 and Rovers 1918. The Cape organisation rapidly grew and in 1923 all the Provinces united to form the Union Scout Council. The Cape Province was split into four Divisions with Cape Town no longer the Headquarters for the Province, but for the Western Cape Area or Province as it is today. Training began in the Western Cape when several Cape Scouters took advantage of a course while in England for the 1924 Jamboree at Wembley, London. Two of the successful candidates (Carl Rayner was one) were appointed to establish training in the Cape and the first Wood Badge Course was held in January 1926. Mrs Withinshaw of Wynberg, in 1940 bought and gave Scouting a permanent site at Diep River to become the Cape Western Area's first owned training camp (where the Three Arts Theatre stands today). This was sold in 1950 when Gilcape - Eersterivier became the Area's well-equipped training camp, only to be sold in 1986 again due to urban sprawl and continuous theft on the property, Hawequas at Wellington was purchased to become the new flagship of Western Cape Properties. At present the Association also has major camps and property at Appleton – on Signal Hill, the Scout Mountain Club Hut – on Table Mountain, Gilray – at Grassy Park and the Sea Scout Base – at Sandvlei.



Carl Rayner
'Serpent'

[Of interest and well worth mentioning here, concerning Carl Rayner or 'Serpent' as he was called, together with his wife Doris or 'Gilkela' to all, were the founder members and instructors of the SA Adult Training Team for many years. In his and their honour, their names were given to the Area Rayner Trophy and Gilray (first letters of 'Gilkela' and Rayner). Gilcape 1 was their backyard in Diep River, Gilcape 2 the property mentioned above and Gilcape 3 at Eersterivier, all 'Gilwell Parks' in the Cape = 'Gilcape'.]

In 1977 the Scout Association, despite the country's group areas policy, amalgamated all the ethnic groups into one SA Scout Association. The numbers in Cape Western grew to in excess of 8 000 Scouts in the mid 1990's only to be limited by the shortage of adult Scouters, which has and still is the limiting factor through the years. In 2001 the Association again took a bold step by admitting Girls into the Movement, thus regularising the Association's policy on Gender and Human Rights. Today, we can stand proud, as Western Cape Scouting still continues to be the flagship of all Scouting in South Africa.

Over the years we have had the pleasure of welcoming a large number of distinguished Scout friends in addition to the Chief (B-P), who paid two other visits besides that of 1912. Among them were the Prince of Wales, Princess Bernhardt, Sir Alfred Pickford, Queen of England, Lord Rowallan and the King of Sweden. None are more welcome than the men and women representing Scouting here today, who have dedicated much of their lives in ensuring that our youth develop their leadership skills and moral attributes provided by Scouting - today the largest voluntary Youth Movement in the World.

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